

REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the objection raised by the Examiner.

Claims 8-10 and 14 have been withdrawn. It is respectfully submitted however that such claims are dependent on claims which distinguish over the cited art for reasons set forth above and therefore, upon allowance of the claims upon which the withdrawn claims are dependent it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-10 and 14 be re-instated and allowed.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend on claim 1 instead of cancelled claim 2.

Claims 11, 17 and 21 have been re-written into independent form.. Thus, these claims and the claims 12 -13, and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 6, 16 and 18 have been amended to point out that the dielectric member is a self-supporting dielectric member.. Use of such a self-supporting member is not described or suggested in Saitou et al. The dielectric member 7 in Saitou et al, is not self-supporting. Rather it is a protective film of silicon nitride. With regard to Murari et al, the dielectric 14 is a protective insulation layer e.g., a layer of silicon nitride or silicon dioxide deposited by a P-vapox process.

New claims Claim 22-26 point out that the self-supporting dielectric member is a printed circuit board thereby further distinguishing over Murari et al. and Saitou et al.

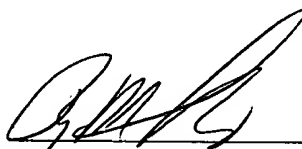
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